

**Enforcement & Resource Protection Committee
Regular Meeting
May 28, 2003-2:00 p.m.
Tribal Office Board Room**

1. **Call to Order & Roll Call-**

Committee Chairman Gary Besaw called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m. Those present: Gary Schuettepelz, Lynette Miller, Judy Duquain, Barb Nelson and Al Fowler was present in place of Leon Fowler. Those absent: Bill Kussel (excused), Sarah Skubitz (excused), and Bryan Lepscier. John Wilhelmi was also present for the meeting.

2. **Moment of Silence** - A moment of silence was observed.

3. **Review Minutes Dated April 23, 2003-**

Motion made by Lynette Miller to approve the minutes dated April 23, 2003. Motion was seconded by Gary Schuettepelz. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent. Motion carried.

4. **Trailer Park Condition/Gary Schuettepelz-**

Gary Schuettepelz showed the committee members present pictures of lots in the trailer court on VV. Gary stated that it's really bad. There is one person that is doing lawnmower repair out of his yard and has between 30 and 50 lawn mowers sitting in their yard and the other person is fixing cars at his trailer and has several junk cars in their yard. Gary believes that the number of cars that are by the trailer is a lot and has to extend past their lot and possibly into sustained yield.

Committee went into a lengthy discussion regarding the issue. Committee wanted to know what the options were. Gary stated that he is worried because the yard with all the cars is by a public well and that there are always kids running around and someone could get hurt.

John Wilhelmi stated that there is the Junk Car Ordinance, a Public Nuisance Ordinance and the people could be in violation of their land lease. It's obvious that the trailer park is only meant for residential lots and the area isn't zoned for commercial. Gary stated that neither person has a permit.

Judy stated that the last time the committee discussed the issue of junk cars she sent notices to the names that were brought up. The notices state that the people have 10 days to remove the cars or be issued a citation. The officer in charge of issuing the citations is away at training but when they return the citations will be issued. The violating individuals can be charged up to \$25 per day per vehicle.

Judy also stated that she has the numbers of two junk dealers that will come and pick up the vehicles at no charge. Judy stated that if it comes to her having the junk dealers picking up the vehicles, she will send a police escort with them.

Chairman Besaw stated that the public needs to know that having the junk cars is a violation of an ordinance and that the tribe is going to get serious in enforcing the ordinance.

Gary stated that he will put a notice in the paper. Gary also stated that he will meet with Community Development Department to see about lease violations.

Committee members would like the issue placed on the next agenda to get an update.

5. **Proposed Amendments to Ordinance 85-21 Motor Vehicle Code-**

Committee received a copy of the revised ordinance that Bill Kussel gave to John Wilhelmi. Committee reviewed the ordinance and asked John to make a few minor changes and would like the issue to go to the next regular Menominee Tribal Legislature meeting.

Motion made by Lynette Miller to reinstate the criminal portions for penalties for violations for 346 Rules of the Road into Ordinance 85-21 Motor Vehicle Code. Motion was seconded by Judy Duquain. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye,

5-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent. Motion carried.

Committee would still like to look at all the chapters of the motor vehicle code to try and determine what pertains to the tribe.

Motion made by Barbara Nelson to systematically review chapters of the motor vehicle code at each meeting and to start at the June meeting. Motion was seconded by Gary Schuettpelz. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent. Motion carried.

6. Discuss Ordinance 79-31/Alcohol Beverage Control-

Committee Chairman Besaw stated that Myrna Warrington will chair the sub-committee and should be setting up a meeting soon.

7. Oral Report From Probation Department-

Probation Director William Beauprey informed Chairman Besaw that he had a meeting with a client at the time of the meeting and would like the committee to keep him on the agenda for the next meeting.

8. Review Department Status Reports-

Committee reviewed the reports but went into a lengthy discussion regarding the Police Department. Committee went into lengthy discussion regarding drugs. Judy stated that the ordinance needs to be reviewed and some changes need to be made.

Motion made by Lynette Miller to have the drug ordinance brought back to the next committee meeting with recommendations on language changes regarding seizure. Motion was seconded by Gary Schuettpelz. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent. Motion carried.

Judy discussed the problems she is having hiring the officers that she is short. Judy stated that the postings keep going out but Human Resources keep screening everyone out. Committee would like to discuss the MTPD Hiring Process at the next meeting.

Committee went into lengthy discussion regarding the Tribal Police budget. Judy informed the committee that she may be about \$60,000 short this fiscal year. Judy stated that the budget was figured wrong from the start and it isn't her fault. Judy stated that she has tried to work with Administrative Officer Jeremy Weso but there are many times when he won't return her phone calls.

Committee would like to discuss the MTPD budget at the next meeting.

9. Other Business-

No other business was discussed.

10. Adjournment-

Motion made by Barb Nelson to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Judy Duquain. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25.

Respectfully Submitted by
Legislative Staff Services